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Dear Dr. Norton,

On December 16, 2004, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released the "Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review."
(http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/infoereg/peer2004/peer_bulletin.pdf). This Bulletin establishes that certain types of scientific information products disseminated by the Federal government on, or after, June 16, 2005 must be peer reviewed by qualified external specialists prior to dissemination.

As part of CDC's compliance with these new requirements, I would like to know if you are willing to serve as a peer reviewer for the following manuscript: "Setting Health Protection Goals at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Outcome Measures by Life-stage" by Kakoli Roy, Anne C. Haddix, Robin M. Ikeda, Cecilia W. Curry, Benedict I. Truman, and Stephen B. Thacker (manuscript enclosed). If you agree to serve as a reviewer, we would need your completed report within two weeks following the receipt of the manuscript. The report should address the questions listed on page 2 of this letter. Your comments and recommendations will be conveyed to the authors and incorporated by them as appropriate. You will receive a written report from the authors describing how your comments were addressed and the actions taken. Although your name and affiliation will be disclosed by CDC as part of the Bulletin requirements, comments from reviewers will be disclosed without individual attribution.

Thank you very much for considering this request. Please let me know if you have any questions. If you are unable to serve as a reviewer at this time, I would appreciate any suggestions or recommendations of alternate reviewers.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

Peer Reviewer Request

Questions to address in the report:

1. Are the objectives clearly stated and appropriate? (Yes, No, Unsure) Why?
2. Is the overall review (of traditional public health measures) appropriate for the stated objectives? (Yes, No, Unsure) Why?
3. Are the methods used to review these public health measures appropriate for the stated objectives? (Yes, No, Unsure) Why?
4. Are the findings from this review of measures presented and interpreted appropriately and completely? (Yes, No, Unsure) Why?
5. Are the conclusions and recommendations appropriate and complete? (Yes, No, Unsure) Why?
6. Are there any other comments on the report?